

**HUERTA'S ENVOYS
ANXIOUS FOR HIM
TO DESIGN SOON**

Spectre of Defeat Sets at Council Table With Mexican Delegates at Mediation Conference—No Further Word.

**REBEL REPRESENTATIVE
WILL ATTEND SESSIONS**

Spokesman of Villa and Carranza Will Give Mediators Messages From Constitutional Leaders.

BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, May 22.—As a result of information received through American consuls in the northern part of Mexico, Secy. of State Bryan today stated his belief that Vice Consul J. R. Sullivan had been murdered on May 18. The secretary of state declared, however, that he had not been convinced of this fact and was making a searching investigation through Consul Hanna at Monterey, and through the constitutionalists at Torreon, in the hope of obtaining full information as to Sullivan's fate.

Press reports received here this afternoon, however, stated that Sullivan had reached Mexico City safely.

MEDIATION HEADQUARTERS.
CLIFTON HOTEL, NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 22.—The spectre of defeat is to sit at the council table with the Huerta delegates in the mediation conferences from this day onward. A crowning humiliation has been thrust upon them by word from Washington that a spokesman for Carranza and Villa will wait in the hotel where the conferences are taking place and while denying the tottering dictator's delegates the dignity of recognition will give to the mediators the messages of the conquerors.

Today the official representatives of Huerta are imploring their chief in Mexico City to allow them to save something of honor from the impending wreck. They wait for this word that he will resign and pray that he may not resign too late.

As soon as Huerta's delegates had scanned today's papers the telegraph and cable lines were brought into play. The fall of Saltillo, the bloody defeat of Huerta forces at Tepic, the imminent fall of Mazatlan and the investment of Guadalajara convinced them that the end of the defunct government of Mexico is at hand. Then they sent urgent messages to their chief. The delegates recognize that in their hands lies the fate and fortunes of thousands of the landed aristocrats of their country.

Anxious For Huerta to Quit.
Luis Elguero, who possesses 600,000 acres in his own name, is even more anxious than his colleagues that Huerta shall stop down and avert a calamity that would establish the peons of Mexico in power.

The mediators, representing the three great powers of South America were ready for their second informal conference with the Mexicans as soon as they had heard of the fall of Saltillo. They had expected the arrival of a constitutionalist agent, expecting him to furnish a clear light on the rising power beyond the Rio Grande. They will seek to learn particularly from the messenger of Carranza to what extent the rebels will carry the spoils of the great estate of the southern republic.

Will the federal landlords be deprived merely of enough of their millions of acres to afford the peons a chance to till the soil and earn a livelihood?

Or will Carranza and Villa strip their enemies of all their property? Will there be leaders who have been forced to stand by Huerta or flee from his reach?

How far will the military and economic retribution go? Will there be the questions to which the mediators will seek an answer. They bespeak the fundamental belief that nothing can prevent the overthrow of Huerta.

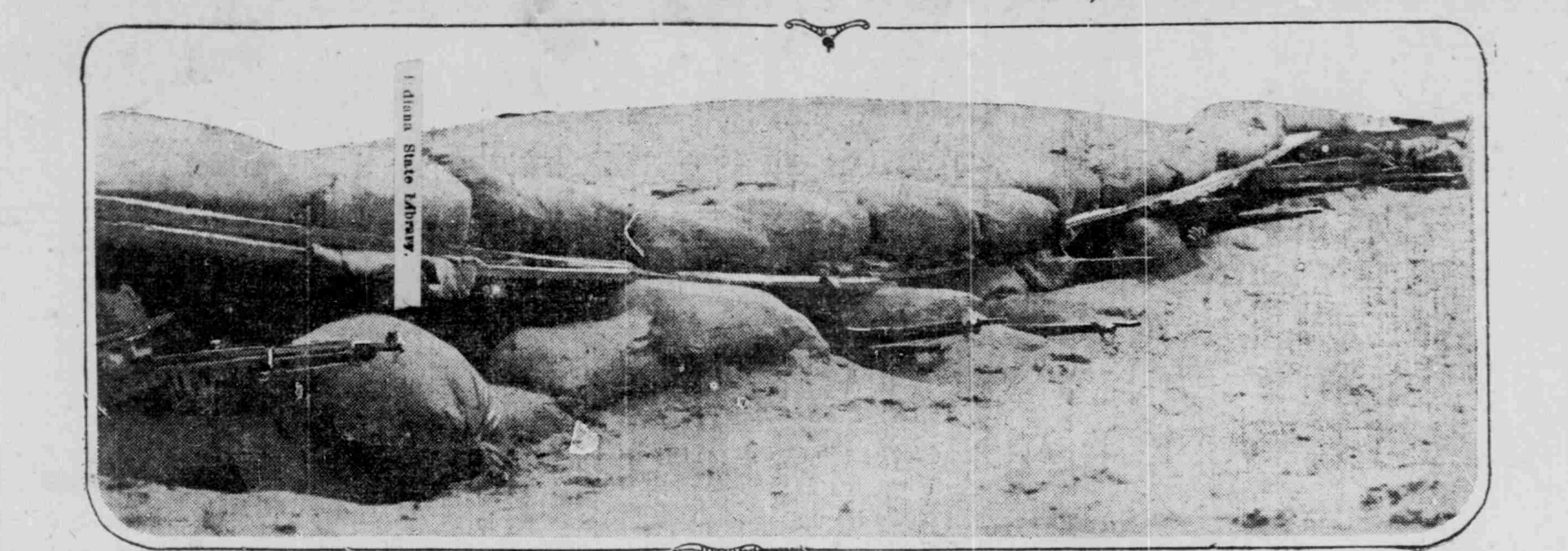
Look For Collapse.
Mediation between the United States and Huerta is merely a prelude to mediation between the owners of Mexico and its downtrodden and rebellious masses. The mediators expect that Huerta's pride will keep up the masquerade of Mexican-American hostility a few days longer—perhaps weeks—but then they look for the collapse. Thereupon they will be ready with a compact to be presented for the acceptance of the constitutionalists. This will guarantee safety to the Huertistas and arrange an equitable settlement with the peons who they have robbed.

The South American envoys profess confidence that Carranza and Villa will adopt a reasonable attitude. They have in their possession a great mass of data on the public and private expressions of the rebel leaders since the beginning of Mexico's factional war. They know what promises have been made and what qualifications have been added to every pledge made by the constitutionalist party. They are serenely confident that the landlords will be granted honorable terms as a result of the mediation, no matter what defeats may come to their military forces.

Morning Conference Brief.
This view is shared with the American delegates. More and more the opinion is developing here that Pres. Wilson and the South Americans will impose on the Carranza forces a moral obligation for peace that will not be questioned.

The morning conference between the Mexican representatives and the mediators began at 10:45 and lasted only a few minutes. The Mexicans were prepared to make a brief statement only.

BUSINESS END OF A BATTLEFIELD TRENCH; THE ENEMY'S SIDE



EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPH BY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER DURBOROUGH.
United States soldiers lying behind this sand bag fort which stretches along for miles around Vera Cruz. Durborough took the picture of it from the Mexican viewpoint.

**Militant Destroys Five
Art Gems; Prisoners Hurl
Shoes and "Bombs" at Judge**

Masterpieces in National Gallery Slashed in Retaliation For Arrest of Pankhursts—Wild Scene Enacted in Bow St. Court.

LONDON, May 22.—Militant suffragettes today made costly reprisal for the arrest of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, her daughter, Sylvia, and fifty-one other suffragettes in the rioting around Buckingham palace.

A young woman slipped by the guards at the National gallery and smashed five priceless works of art before she could be overpowered and hustled off to a police station.

Despite the permanent guards, which were established at the National gallery after the Rokeby Venus was slashed, the young woman managed to get into the building by posing as a sightseer. She spent some time consulting her catalogue and the canvases on exhibition, completely allaying any suspicions which the attendants may have had.

After a while the woman entered chamber No. 7, where old masterpieces of the French school are on exhibition. This room was poorly guarded and afforded the suffragette her best chance. She drew a hatchet from beneath her jacket and began smashing at the glass cases enclosing the paintings.

Ruins Five Pictures.
The clatter of glass aroused persons in the main gallery, but before they could reach the woman she had ruined five of the pictures, all of which from the standpoint of the savant, were priceless.

Guards pounced upon the woman none too gently, but were met with blows from a pair of muscular arms. After a terrific struggle in which other works of art were in danger of being smashed, the woman was finally overpowered. She kept shouting that she "sought retribution" and all the way to the Vine St. police station she continued to scream.

Smashing incident after the picture smashing incident all the visitors were ejected and the gallery was closed to prevent further vandalism.

Inquiry will be asked into the brutality of the police yesterday while dispersing the mobs of women around Buckingham palace and preventing the militant from getting into the palace quadrangle.

The five pictures which were ruined by the suffragette in the National gallery, all of which were in the collection of Beilinis, were:

- 1.—Madonna and child, surrounded by infants and saints.
- 2.—John and Christopher.
- 3.—Portrait of George Washington.
- 4.—Landscape showing the death of St. Peter, the Martyr.
- 5.—Madonna and child with portrait of Christ's agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

After considerable difficulty the woman who was arrested at the National gallery was identified as Mary Spencer, a member of the Women's Social and Political Union.

Riot in Police Court.
The scene of suffrage action and excitement shifted to Bow St. police court when the cases of the suffragettes and their male adherents who were arrested yesterday, were called.

Just as the presiding magistrate was getting ready to commence the calling of the cases, the notes of a bugle were heard. Then the strident tones of the "Marseillaise," played with the full force of a pair of stentorian lungs, came through the open windows.

**FATE OF BECKER
IN JURY'S HANDS
FOR SECOND TIME**

NEW YORK, May 22.—The fate of ex-Lieut. Charles Becker, accused of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, is now in the hands of the jury. The second trial of the former police official ended at 12:28 o'clock this afternoon when Justice Seabury concluded his charge to the jury.

The court's instructions were a clear analysis of the evidence presented by the state and defense. The justice held that "Jack" Rose, "Bridge" Weber and Harry Vallon were accomplices in the murder and told the jurors that if they believed the defense had corroborated the testimony against the three witnesses a verdict of guilty should be returned against them.

Throughout Seabury's charge Becker sat with his right hand playing around his face, alternately pulling his ear, pressing his neck, rubbing his cheek and chin. He seemed at times to be bored by Seabury's remarks, and kept looking around the room. Several times he looked toward his wife, on the far side of the room, but she was so absorbed in Seabury's charge that she did not catch the glance.

Odds for Acquittal.
Heavy wagers were laid today that Becker would escape conviction for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. Books made on the trial give the following prevailing odds:

Five to three that the jury disbelieves.
Four to three that Becker is acquitted.
Chances of conviction were quoted at even money. It is said that east side gamblers have raised a large sum of money and are eagerly grabbing every bet offered by persons who believe that the former police official will be found guilty.

A great throng besieged Justice Seabury's court today to witness the final act in the legal drama that has been played about the former head of the "strong arm squad." Additional guards were placed at the doors and in the corridors to prevent any attempt to rush the court while Justice Seabury was charging the jury.

Tickets of admission to the court room were at a premium. Long before the hour set for convening court a long line had formed and the lucky ones hurried into court as soon as the doors were opened and occupied the choice locations.

WHEREABOUTS OF CHICAGO HEIRESS STILL MYSTERY

CHICAGO, May 22.—The whereabouts of Miss Helen Morton, the Chicago heiress and society favorite, remained a mystery today. Mrs. Sterling Morton reiterated her statement that her daughter had gone to Elberon, N. J., to visit Miss Prudence Durand whom she said was ill, despite advice to the contrary from Elberon.

Vague rumors today said Miss Morton had gone to Philadelphia to marry a young Virginian whose brother owns a stock farm in Virginia where the girl's father had purchased several horses. No confirmation of the rumors could be obtained.

**AKRON MAN KILLED;
5 HURT IN AUTO CRASH**

AKRON, O., May 22.—Lawrence Winum, 25, son of Joseph D. Winum, Firestone Tire company official, and former president of the city council, died at the city hospital early this morning, while five companions are in the hospital suffering with injuries from an automobile accident shortly after midnight.

The men were speeding in from Barborton and in trying to pass a street car and turn a corner made too wide to swing, all were hurled over the side of the road. Winum crashed head-on into a telephone pole.

All the men are prominent in business.

with the affidavit of Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, accusing Jim Conley of the Phagan. The five men indicted are Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, R. L. Barber, Arthur Thurman, C. C. Tedder and Dan Lehon an aide of W. J. Burns.

**Huerta Executes Enemies
And Masses 40,000 Troops
At Capital; Ready to Fall**

**INSANITY WILL BE
DEFENSE OF OTTO
BUCK CHURCHILL**

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Stupendous prices paid by the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad for short, and poorly equipped lines were justified in part of their potential value. Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven, testified at the interstate commerce commission's investigation today.

Chief Counsel Folsom for the commission brought out that the New Haven made a practice of buying branch lines at tremendous prices and operating them at heavy losses, causing a constant drain on the treasury of the parent road. Among the lines purchased in accordance with this policy were the Rutland railroad, the Buffalo, Rochester and Eastern and the Tarrytown, White Plains and Mamaroneck, said Mellen. Not one of them has paid so far, he said.

Q. What can you tell about the Rutland railroad?
A. The Rutland was a Vermont corporation operating in Vermont, New York and the province of Quebec in Canada. We acquired our interest in it from the New York Central.

Q. What did you pay for it?
A. I cannot say exactly. The price paid for the stock was par, I believe.
Q. What was the market price of the stock?
A. I paid 57 for the 15 or 16 shares I bought to qualify as a director.

Q. It now is selling at 25, is it not?
A. I believe about that.
Stock Drops Three-fourths.
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"Could not you have built a new road for less money?"
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"What was the legislature referred to?"
"The western Massachusetts trolley bill."

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"It gave the New Haven the right to repurchase the trolleys it formerly owned in Massachusetts. The Worcester Railway Investment Co. owned all the capital stock of the Worcester company. The letter merely stated that if Read & Co. tendered the stock within 30 days after the passage of the bill the second year."

"Why did you have to pay 115 when the stock was selling at about 105?"
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"How was it done?"
"Notice was served on me that the New Haven would have to pay the price demanded (115) in order to get the legislation through."

"Were the transactions with Stillman F. Kelly similar?"
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"Was that a holdup, too?"
"Well, he got the money."
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**CHIEF KERR SAYS
DANCE HALLS ARE
MENACE TO SOCIETY**

That the dance halls of South Bend are a menace to society and that an ordinance should be passed by the council providing regulations, was recommended by Chief Kerr of the police department to the board of safety at its meeting Friday morning.

He did not go into details in regard to what constitutes the menace, but stated that his advice is based upon information secured by Policewoman Evans. The chief also submitted a lengthy report on the insufficiency of the present force, and incidentally secured the appointment of Benj. E. Henderson as park policeman for Kalev park.

South Bend is a city of 6,000 population.

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**POTENTIAL VALUE
JUSTIFIED PRICE
MELLEN DECLARES**

Former New Haven Head Explains Reason For Exorbitant Expenditures in Purchase of Subsidiary Lines.

**PLAYED NO FAVORITES
IN PUTTING OVER BILL**

"We Always Liked to Get Under the Best Umbrella" He Says of Railroad's Connection With Political Parties.

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Gen. Candido Aguilar, the "Phil Sheridan of the constitutionalists," has begun fresh rebel operations in the state of Vera Cruz.

Improvised transports, composed of lighters drawn by launches and tugs, have transported about 2,000 of Aguilar's men from Tuxpam to a point about nine miles north of Vera Cruz. It is his evident intention to begin a campaign for the purpose of drawing Gen. Navarrete's federals away from the line between this city and Mexico City.

Since the battle of Tampico ended Gen. Bonzalez has formed several squads to repair all the railroads in that vicinity.

**CHARGE STEEL MEN
CONSPIRED TO BEAT
U. S. IN CANAL DEAL**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 22.—What may be the beginning of sensational charges in connection with the construction of the great locks and gates of the Panama canal was made today when the federal grand jury here returned a true bill against Samuel M. Wetmore, general sales manager of the Carbon Steel company; David J. Simpson, Henry Lutz, James E. Lacey and Dennis K. Bullen, employees of former employees of the same company, charging them with conspiring to defraud the United States in furnishing inferior steel to be used in the locks and gates of the canal.

The chief complaint of the committee taking advantage of the committee reports in which to air grievances or complaints which must have been brewing during the year.

The problem which concerns the board of home missions will prove the storm center of the assembly, delegates declared. Delegates who are clamoring for a change in the present policy regarding the conduct of home missions, refer to themselves as conservatives, while those favoring a continuance of the political policy prefer to be called progressives.